



Taith – Information for Schools

Taith is a new £65 million international exchange programme for schools, youth organisations, FE colleges, adult education and universities. Funded by Welsh Government, Taith aims to fill gaps created by the UK's withdrawal from Erasmus+ as well as creating new opportunities for learners and staff from across Wales to go on exchanges around the world, and funding reciprocal exchanges bringing learners and staff from around the world to Wales.

The aims of Taith are to:

- Deliver an inclusive, all-Wales programme to get more people involved in international exchanges, to broaden the horizons and confidence of young people, learners and staff at all levels in Wales, give them life-enhancing opportunities and support them to become ambitious, capable learners throughout their lives
- Promote collaborations between Welsh and international organisations that enable two-way learning exchanges to benefit everyone involved, build international links, and support the education sectors, including youth work and adult education
- Encourage ambitious, innovative and creative activities that represent the best in international education exchanges and collaboration
- Raise the international profile of Wales as an open, outward-looking and globally responsible nation, committed to building on its legacy of international partnerships and relations
- Help deliver Welsh Government priorities in transforming international engagement and developing the best in international education and youth sectors through sustainable actions that benefit current and future generations in Wales.

Funding is available in 3 different pathways:

- Pathway 1 – Mobility
- Pathway 2 – Partnership and Strategic Collaboration
- Pathway 3 – Capacity Building

Pathway 1 will be the first to open, with the application window open from early March. The funding calls for Pathways 2 and 3 will open slightly later this year.

Pathway 1 - Mobility of Participants

International mobilities enable participants to develop key skills and competencies and experience new cultures and languages whilst simultaneously promoting Welsh language and culture throughout the world. Whether cultural exchange, school visits, job-shadowing, training courses or any other learning experience, schools will be able to apply to Taith for funding.



Opportunities for school staff

Taith will have funding to enable outward and inward mobility of teachers, school leaders and professionals working in the field of school education, providing flexible opportunities to:

- Teach at a partner school
- Job shadow at a partner school or other relevant organisation
- Undergo training or professional development with a relevant organisation
- Participate in system development projects – (for example working collaboratively to develop aspects of the new curriculum)

Opportunities for Pupils

As well as staff mobilities, Taith will be funding schools to offer overseas opportunities for pupils. These will include:

- Group mobilities
- Individual mobilities (aged 16+)
- Blended group mobilities
- Virtual exchanges

Support for schools interested in applying

We understand that organising overseas mobilities can be daunting and so schools will be able to access support for partner finding, completing applications, and managing projects. We aim to make the funding as inclusive and accessible as possible and so will be providing additional funding for disadvantaged pupils and those with ALN, as well as offering a range of flexible durations.

If you would like to learn more about the Taith programme please visit (www.taith.wales) or email Ellie Bevan, Taith Schools and Youth Programme Manager at bevane@cardiff.ac.uk